

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 1, 4, 10, and 15 as indicated below, wherein deleted material is shown by strikethrough and added material is underlined. In addition, please cancel claims 2-3, 14, and 18-46. A complete listing of claims pending in the application following entry of this Amendment are presented as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A component comprising:

- a bladder formed of a barrier material, the bladder enclosing a fluid that exerts an outward force upon the barrier material, the bladder including a first surface, an opposite second surface, and a sidewall extending between the first surface and the second surface, and the bladder having a plurality of interior bonds that join the first surface with the second surface, the interior bonds being spaced inward from the sidewall; and
- a reinforcing structure at least partially recessed into the barrier material and bonded to the barrier material, at least a portion of the reinforcing structure being placed in tension by the outward force upon the barrier material.

2-3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) The component recited in claim 2 1, wherein the reinforcing structure has a first portion, a second portion, and a plurality of connecting portions extending between the first portion and the second portion.

5. (Original) The component recited in claim 4, wherein the first portion is secured to the bladder at an interface between the first surface and the sidewall, and the second portion is secured to the bladder at an interface between the second surface and the sidewall.

6. (Original) The component recited in claim 4, wherein the connecting portions are at least partially recessed into the sidewall and bonded to the sidewall.

7. (Original) The component recited in claim 1, wherein a material forming the reinforcing structure has a greater modulus of elasticity than a material forming the bladder.
8. (Original) The component recited in claim 1, wherein the bladder includes a first chamber and a separate second chamber with different pressures.
9. (Original) The component recited in claim 1, wherein the reinforcing structure is formed of at least two different materials.
10. (Currently Amended) A component comprising:
  - a bladder formed of a flexible barrier material that encloses a pressurized fluid,  
the bladder including a first surface, an opposite second surface, and a sidewall extending between the first surface and the second surface; and
  - a reinforcing structure extending around at least a portion of the bladder and at least partially recessed into the barrier material of the sidewall, the reinforcing structure being substantially absent from each of the first surface and the second surface to expose a majority of the barrier material forming each of the first surface and the second surface, the reinforcing structure being formed of a semi-rigid material that is bonded to the bladder.
11. (Original) The component recited in claim 10, wherein the pressurized fluid exerts an outward force upon the barrier material.
12. (Original) The component recited in claim 11, wherein at least a portion of the reinforcing structure is placed in tension by the outward force upon the barrier material.
13. (Original) The component recited in claim 11, wherein the reinforcing structure restrains distension of the barrier material due to the outward force upon the barrier material.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) The component recited in claim 44 10, wherein the reinforcing structure restrains distension of the sidewall due to the outward force upon the barrier material.

16. (Original) The component recited in claim 44 10, wherein a plurality of interior bonds join the first surface with the second surface, the interior bonds being spaced inward from the sidewall.

17. (Original) The component recited in claim 16, wherein the interior bonds restrain distension of the first surface and the second surface due to the outward force upon the barrier material.

18-46. (Cancelled)